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## **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

### **CAPTAIN MARK M. MURAKAMI**

Captain Mark M. Murakami currently serves as the Reserve Chief of Staff of Pacific Area in Alameda, California. He is responsible for advising the Area Commander on reserve policy and mobilization and supervising over 2000 Reservists stationed on the West Coast, Alaska, Hawaii and Guam.

Prior to this assignment, he served for four years as the Fourteenth District Reserve Chief of Staff. Previously he served as the plankowner Executive Officer of Coast Guard Reserve Unit PACOM headquartered at Camp Smith, Honolulu, Hawaii from its commissioning through October 2013. Prior to unit commissioning, he was assigned to PACOM in the Logistics Directorate. From 2005 to 2007, he was assigned to Sector Honolulu's Enforcement Division where he supervised the Vessel Boarding Security Team. Prior to his commissioning in the Reserve, he was Executive Officer of USCGC CONFIDENCE, the Assistant District Legal Officer for the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, Commanding Officer, USCGC POINT HEYER and Operations Officer of USCGC IRIS.



Captain Murakami is a Director at the Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert law firm in Honolulu where he practices in commercial and real estate litigation. He has been recognized by as one of Hawaii's "Superlawyers" and "Best Lawyers" and was 2013's Lawyer of the Year for Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law. He was elected as Director, Hawaii State Bar Association for 2012-2013 and was elected as Treasurer of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 2014 and 2015. He is admitted to practice before federal and state courts in Hawaii, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Captain Murakami graduated with honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1992, with a B.S. in Government. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Hawaii School of Law where he was his class valedictorian and a member of the University of Hawaii Law Review.

Individual military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device (2), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device (4), and various service and unit awards. He is a permanent cutterman and is designated a Judge Advocate.